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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
John Hammargren
Anne S. Hill

Excused Absence

Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Staff

Lee Millen
Jimmy Prieto

APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2010 were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña shared that she attended the following events:

- The Wilmington Coordinating Council awarded her the Woman of the Year Award (6-24-10)

- Induction of U.S. Attorney Andre Bouchett (6-25-10)
- Boxing Hall of Fame Induction in Studio City where her brother was inducted (6-26-10)
- Reviewed Los Angeles Times Newspaper articles:
 - *Trouble In Probation* (6-25-10)
 - *Fixing Probation* (6-29-10)
 - *Abuse Backlog Plague County* (6-30-10)
 - *Supervisor Calls for U.S. Oversight of Probation* (6-23-10)
 - *Child Dies As Probe Drags* (6-30-10)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's charitable fund is \$1,541.93.

Also, Bank of America had continued to waive a \$14 monthly service fee; however, it has advised that it will begin imposing this fee. The Commission will consider other banks and credit unions.

STAFF REPORT

Lee Millen, Staff, advised that Fiscal Services staff will attend the meeting today to distribute payroll checks, and request signatures and confirm self-identification.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS ON GROUP HOMES AND/OR DETENTION FACILITIES INSPECTIONS FROM JUNE 24, 2010 TO JUNE 29, 2010

Hillsides Home For Children – 23, #4 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on June 24, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Pennacle Foundation – 34, #2 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on June 25, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Driveway needs resurfacing, and bathrooms need more towels.

South Bay Bright Future Youth Center – 41, #4 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on June 28, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Boys Republic/Girls Republic – 4, #2 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on June 28, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
Area of Concern: Earthquake kit needs to be updated.

Los Angeles Youth Network – 27, #4 – Commissioner Hammargren The facility was visited on June 28, 2010, and no one was home.

Le Roy Haynes Center – 26, #2 – Commissioner Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on June 29, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Heritage Group Homes – 22, #3 – Commissioner Hammargren The facility was visited on June 29, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Dryer lint trap full, laundry room rear door blocked by dryer, replace dining room light bulbs, and replace the air conditioner filter.

Fleming & Barnes Diamondale Adolescent – 20, #1 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on June 29, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
Area of Concern: The *Needs and Services Plan* needs updating.

The Commission will jointly inspect Twin Towers on Tuesday, July 6, at 10 a.m.

2010 Scholarship Award Program

Commissioner Hill advised that she has received an additional application. The Commission has four qualified applicants to consider.

2010 Scholarship Award Applicants

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Hammargren, second by Commissioner Bigby and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the four student applicants to receive a \$300 scholarship each.

Staff was directed to contact Supervisor Molina's office to schedule the scholarship presentations at a future Board of Supervisors' meeting. Also, an inquiry will be made whether she or Supervisor Knabe can provide a breakfast in Room 739, in honor of the scholarship awardees. Further, staff was directed to prepare Scholarship Certificates, and develop a protocol for future Scholarship Program awards.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.